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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the Application of

Atsushi YAMAGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2652

Application No.: 09/853,158

Examiner: C. Renner

Filed: May 10, 2001

Docket No.: 109500

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING A MAGNETISM INTERCEPTING  
LAYER PROVIDED BETWEEN READ HEAD AND WRITE HEAD (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the May 20, 2003 Office Action, the period for response being extended by  
the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**